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Session 1: Word List

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym : throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym : emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym : syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

confetti

n. small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration

(1) **confetti** party, (2) **confetti-filled** balloons

We threw **confetti** at the wedding to celebrate the happy couple.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

festoon

v. to drape or decorate with strings of flowers, leaves, or ribbons; to adorn with decorative or festive elements

synonym: adorn, decorate, embellish

(1) **festoon** the party venue, (2) **festoon** a room for a party

The stage was **festooned** with flowers for the wedding ceremony.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

enlighten

v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

synonym: inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym: save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family

from the burning building.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
synonym : exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

compartment

n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

synonym : section, part, subdivision

(1) **compartment** door, (2) a watertight **compartment**

The train's **compartment** was small but comfortable.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

clause

n. a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

synonym : article, provision, stipulation

(1) **clause** in contract, (2) a main **clause**

The contract had a **clause** that specified penalties for late delivery.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest

of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

monotonous

adj. lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

synonym : tedious, dull, boring

(1) **monotonous** routine, (2) **monotonous** job

The **monotonous** task of data entry required intense concentration.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries
Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something
synonym: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;
(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym: organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

conjunction

n. the state of being joined, united, or associated; a part of speech that connects words, phrases, or clauses, such as and, but, while

synonym: combination, intersection, coexistence

(1) in **conjunction** with other agents, (2) causal **conjunction**

A **conjunction** of three mistakes caused the accident.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym: surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

synonym: squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a coo_____te clause
v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
2. se_____ly connected
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
3. se_____te video into chapter
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
4. a tremor of de_____t
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
5. pu_____te a sentence
v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
6. fl__d assets
n. a substance that can flow and is not solid
7. t__s a coin
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
8. en_____en legions of people
v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
9. wavy sq_____le
n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

ANSWERS: 1. coordinate, 2. secondly, 3. separate, 4. delight, 5. punctuate, 6. fluid, 7. toss, 8. enlighten, 9. squiggle

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| 10. lack of cl____y | <i>n.</i> the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity |
| 11. unsolved my____y | <i>n.</i> something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle |
| 12. for in____ce | <i>n.</i> a particular example or single occurrence of something |
| 13. gr____r checker | <i>n.</i> the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words |
| 14. en____ss a broad range | <i>v.</i> to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely |
| 15. re____e with my friend | <i>v.</i> to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation |
| 16. a te____ue in martial arts | <i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill |
| 17. be____g to different species | <i>v.</i> to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place |
| 18. the co__n at the end of the sentence | <i>n.</i> the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system |

ANSWERS: 10. clarity, 11. mystery, 12. instance, 13. grammar, 14. encompass, 15. reunite, 16. technique, 17. belong, 18. colon

19. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
20. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
21. co_____ti-filled balloons *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
22. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
23. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
24. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
25. co__n examination *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
26. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
27. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 19. crisis, 20. replace, 21. confetti, 22. independence, 23. dot, 24. confuse, 25. colon, 26. prop, 27. appreciate

38. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
39. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
40. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
41. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
42. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
43. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
44. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
45. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
46. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
47. cl___e in contract *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

ANSWERS: 38. refer, 39. variation, 40. fluid, 41. reunite, 42. rescue, 43. beneficial, 44. clarify, 45. appreciate, 46. mystery, 47. clause

48. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
49. fe_____n a room for a party *v.* to drape or decorate with strings of flowers, leaves, or ribbons; to adorn with decorative or festive elements
50. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
51. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
52. mon_____us job *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
53. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
54. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
55. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
56. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 48. identity, 49. festoon, 50. belong, 51. relate, 52. monotonous, 53. struggle, 54. exert, 55. crisis, 56. identity

57. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
58. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
59. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
60. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
61. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
62. sq_____le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
63. Latin gr_____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
64. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
65. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
66. co_____ti party *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration

ANSWERS: 57. separate, 58. frightening, 59. coordinate, 60. ultimate, 61. exert, 62. squiggle, 63. grammar, 64. specific, 65. struggle, 66. confetti

67. com_____nt door *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
68. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
69. go_____n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
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74. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
75. a main cl_____e *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
76. p_ _p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 67. compartment, 68. ultimate, 69. govern, 70. secondly, 71. confuse, 72. dot, 73. toss, 74. encompass, 75. clause, 76. prop

77. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
78. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
79. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
80. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
81. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
82. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
83. a watertight com_____nt *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
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87. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

ANSWERS: 77. rescue, 78. frightening, 79. willingness, 80. clarity, 81. instance, 82. replace, 83. compartment, 84. festoon, 85. conjunction, 86. conjunction, 87. beneficial

88. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
89. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
90. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

ANSWERS: 88. variation, 89. willingness, 90. clarify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.
n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

2. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

3. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

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5. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
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6. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
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7. We threw _____ at the wedding to celebrate the happy couple.
n. small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration

ANSWERS: 1. clarity, 2. crisis, 3. mystery, 4. identity, 5. ultimate, 6. refer, 7. confetti

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n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
15. We have finally lost our last _____.
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. willingness, 9. enlighten, 10. replace, 11. compartment, 12. conjunction, 13. relate, 14. independence, 15. prop

16. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.
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17. The contract had a _____ that specified penalties for late delivery.
- n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
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- v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
23. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 16. colon, 17. clause, 18. festooned, 19. tossed, 20. technique, 21. fluid, 22. punctuated, 23. delight

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- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

33. My signature always has a little _____ at the end.

- n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

34. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

- n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

35. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

36. Her remarks _____ the debate.

- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

37. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

38. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.

- v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

39. The _____ task of data entry required intense concentration.

- adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

ANSWERS: 32. struggle, 33. squiggle, 34. grammar, 35. governing, 36. confused, 37. frightening, 38. rescue, 39. monotonous

40. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
- v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
41. The band will _____ only for this show.
- v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
42. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
43. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
- adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
44. We would _____ an early reply.
- v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
45. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
- v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

ANSWERS: 40. encompass, 41. reunite, 42. belong, 43. secondly, 44. appreciate, 45. exerted